

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are currently pending. Claims 2-6 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 were objected to as containing informalities regarding the use of the phrase “characterized in;” and Claims 1-6 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

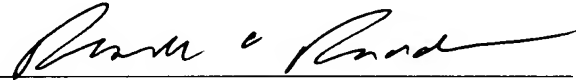
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 1-6 include allowable subject matter.

Regarding the objections to Claims 1-6 as containing informalities, the claims have been amended to recite “wherein” instead of the phrase “characterized in that.” Accordingly, the objections to Claims 1-6 have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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